

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 10, line 13, with the following paragraph:

FIG. 4 is a view for an example for an image 13 which is formed by cutting the noticing area in the pattern image 12 in the noticing area shown in FIG. 3 according to the threshold (attractiveness in the area B) by using the noticing area threshold section 104. That is, in the pattern image 12 in the noticing area shown in ~~FIG. 13,~~ FIG. 3, a portion having a higher noticing (attractiveness) in the area B than the threshold is clipped out. The area B and the area A are clipped. Consequently, the clipped-out areas A and B are organized unitarily; thus, it is possible to form a noticing area 13a which is supposed to be an object for the trimming operation shown in FIG. 4. Furthermore, the center of the noticing area 13a to which the threshold is arranged is disposed so as to be a center of the rectangular area 14 which surrounds the noticing area 13a.